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Plague caused 2 deaths with 5 new reported cases, and smallpox caused 163 deaths with 417 new reported cases, of which number 147 were in the suburban district. At the close of the week there were in the Hospital São Sebastião, 305 cases of smallpox and 7 cases of plague; in the Hospital Engenho de Dentro, 166 cases of smallpox under treatment; in the Hospital Paulo Candido, 235 convalescent cases of smallpox. The epidemic seems to be slowly abating.

Summary of smallpox in Rio de Janeiro.

Week.	Cases.	Deaths.
September 6	700	290
September 13	686	278
September 20	715	296
September 27	564	291
October 4	585	262
October 11	418	227
Total	3,668	1,644

Total number of deaths from smallpox from January 1, 1908, to date, 5,263; total deaths during same period from all causes including smallpox, 16,049.

Bubonic plague in State of Maranhao, Brazil.

Telegraphic despatches of October 20 announce that the government of the State of Maranhao proposes to undertake measures to check the spread of plague in that State.

BRITISH HONDURAS.

Report from Belize, fruit port.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Mengis reports:

Week ended October 31. Present officially estimated population, 10,000. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, very good.

Bills of health issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.
Oct. 30	Belize	Mobile	17	7	0
30	Preston	New Orleans	35	3	8
31	Frutera	New York via Central American ports.	25	0	0

CANADA.

Report from Kingston—Mild epidemic of smallpox prevailing.

Consul Van Sant reports, November 10:

A mild epidemic of smallpox prevails at Kingston. There are 23 cases in the isolation hospital and about 10 cases under quarantine in

their homes throughout the city. The cases are of a mild type, and no serious results have occurred. Every precaution is being taken for proper quarantine.

CHINA.

Reports from Shanghai—Inspection of vessels—Cholera—Quarantine against Amoy removed—Cholera at Hankau declining.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Ransom reports, October 13:

During the week ended October 3 original and supplemental bills of health were granted to 5 steamships with an aggregate personnel of 940. Bills of health were granted to the United States men-of-war *Villaloboa* and *Callao*.

The passengers from this port per Pacific Mail steamships *China* and *Manchuria* were inspected.

There were inspected 1 vessel, 94 members of crew, and 32 steerage passengers. Nine pieces of personal baggage were disinfected and 37 pieces passed and labeled.

Cholera is present here, chiefly among natives. One foreigner died of the disease two weeks ago. Smallpox is diminishing.

During the week ended October 10, 1 original and 1 supplemental bill of health were issued to 2 steamships with an aggregate personnel of 369. There were inspected 1 vessel, 66 members of crews, 2 cabin and 1 steerage passenger. There were disinfected by steam the effects of 57 members of crews and 1 steerage passenger. Fifty-seven men were bathed. The forecastle of 1 vessel was mechanically cleaned.

Manifests were viséed for 404 pieces of freight, amounting to 33 tons.

The authorities here have removed the quarantine restrictions against Amoy, that port having been declared free on September 30 from cholera and plague in epidemic form.

The cholera epidemic at Hankau has subsided. There are now occurring only a few sporadic cases each week.

COSTA RICA.

Report from Limon, fruit port.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Goodman reports:

Week ended October 31. Estimated population, 6,000. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.
Oct. 25	Limon	Boston	45	3	0
26	Prinz Aug. Wilhelm	New York	148	135	12
27	Città di Torino	Ponce	92	3	98
28	Heredia	New Orleans, via Puerto Barrios.	85	18	28
28	Bluefields	Mobile, via Bocas del Toro.	23	9	0
30	Barranca	New York	57	7	0

Two bills of health for Panaman ports were viséed; certificates were issued to 38 passengers bound for Colon.